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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. In view of the remarks and amendments provided herein below, reconsideration is respectfully requested. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expires on October 18, 2003. Applicants submit herewith a two month-petition for an extension of time. Accordingly, the time for responding to the Office Action now expires on January 18, 2004 and this response is timely filed.

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